St. Cecilia's Public School Workshop on Leadership and Qualities of a Successful Leader Date: 23rd December 2023



Objective:

The workshop aimed to educate and inspire Class 8 students on the topic of leadership, focusing on two prominent leadership styles - Authoritarian and Democratic. The goal was to impart a comprehensive understanding of leadership qualities and encourage students to develop their own leadership skills.

Workshop Overview:

The workshop began with an introduction to the concept of leadership, emphasizing its importance in various aspects of life. The facilitator highlighted the role of leaders in guiding and influencing others towards a common goal.

Authoritarian Leadership:

The first segment delved into the Authoritarian leadership style. The facilitator explained the characteristics of this style, where a leader makes decisions independently and expects strict compliance from followers. As John C. Maxwell said, "A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position."

Democratic Leadership:

The second part of the workshop focused on Democratic leadership. Students were introduced to the collaborative nature of this style, where leaders involve others in decision-making processes. According to Eleanor Roosevelt, "To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart."

The facilitator discussed the advantages of fostering teamwork, creativity, and a sense of ownership within a group under a Democratic leadership model.

Interactive Activities:

To enhance engagement, interactive activities were incorporated. Students were divided into groups to simulate scenarios where each leadership style could be applied. This hands-on approach allowed them to better grasp the practical aspects of leadership and its impact on group dynamics.

The workshop concluded with a group activity that required students to apply the knowledge gained. Each group had to create a brief skit showcasing either an Authoritarian or Democratic leadership scenario. This not only reinforced the concepts learned but also encouraged creativity and teamwork.

Conclusion:

The workshop successfully educated Class 8 students on leadership and the qualities of a successful leader, emphasizing the Authoritarian and Democratic styles. By combining theoretical knowledge with practical activities, the session aimed to equip students with essential skills for future leadership roles. In the words of Warren Bennis, "Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality."